Pedro Charles

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CDI - leaks

Alvarado Ugarte story
(also connect Senate)

Medical - Humes in 4/64

Oswald in Florida, Cuba -
knew not sure if
even possible

anti-Castro propaganda
at time diplomatically
delicate

mailed after LHO killed

Curry called him re FBI -
but he wasn't

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FBI spokesman:
"... it's all there" see quoted
Most not - in F.O. file is
"... what we had to wade
through" - not so. They
opted to spend most
time + effort on the
irrelevant - and did not
investigate the relevant

a) no death certificate
b) no reports on scientific
tests - CA 75-226, etc

Hoover's 12/12/63 "Pedro
Charles" memo self-
serving representation to
top echelon FBI. Claims
could do nothing with the
letters "because we
were not able to prove it...
because we have no intelli-
gence operation in Cuba."
This is an effort not to

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2) disprove an obvious fake

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already disproved by FBI's work - author had never been in Miami or Cuba as letters represent and was not a man known know same typewriter used to write RFK, under name of Mario del Rosario, signed same ink + pen (although Hoover admitted the Pedro Charles letter was a hoax, it got the first + the major news play in the records released)

Post 12/8/77 - Hoover opposed to press release on LBJ - he had already leaked it and pretended otherwise

AP lead for a.m.'s 12/8/77 still "secret conspirators"

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3) "in Cuba" were phoney

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Pedro Charles letters

NYT carried this story 12/8/77

Same phoney Cuban lead in UP 1 story for 12/8/77 a.m.s

This says he told LBJ about the fake as though it was not a fake

Balt. Sun, in its staff story, had the same thing, same emphasis + angle

~~Cal~~ Cuban fake in AP's lead in Maryland wire

NY Daily News staff story also had it

12/9/77 Star staff story reflects incomplete + misleading representation of NA's limits to hands + then with wrong question

12/9 Star on Hume's records - does not recognize this &
~~[illegible]~~ threat

4) other than official

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account & leaves one
that entirely unexplain-
ed. I know of no paper
that caught this serious
error the second month
after Humes testified

In completeness - like
omission of Hoover's
punishment of 17
agents in case.
(Given to NY Daily News
12-10-77) by Schweiker

Size of fragments
delivered by Dallas
Surgeons - GMA 12/4/77

One of policemen in Ruby case
failed polygraph - WC
not told by FBI - Star 12/11/77

Leaking of text Ruby poly-
graph Q&A - conducted by
FBI & it only - not told
to press

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5) Newsweek dated 12/19/77

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likewise gave major play to
the Pedro Charles letter
as evidence of a con-
spiracy by Castro to
kill JFK. It was like
a facsimile of the letter,
only of the FBI's trans-
lation not identified
as its translation. It
also does not report that
the FBI from the outset
knew the letter was a
hoax at the time Hoover
used it to theorize such
a conspiracy - back to the
White House
while in its second-day
story for afternoon papers
of 12/8/77 (NY Post)

6) AP took the "Pedro Charles" hoax

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out of its lead, it did not admit having misled a great many if not most Americans with its initial reporting – justified as that reporting was from the FBI records AP ~~[illegible]~~ had seen to the time the story was written. AP also continued to rely on & to write about the hoax as though it were not a hoax:

"many ~~seriou~~ serious paths led toward Fidel Castro, communist leader of Cuba. The FBI obtained a letter from Havana to Oswald mentioning money payments & Oswald's ability to shoot out a candle at 50 meters"

~~[illegible]~~ on of the "serious paths toward Fidel Castro"

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7) mentioned in this story is

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"... the fact that Oswald had been arrested in New Orleans for distributing pro-Castro literature."

Oswald was not arrested for distributing pro-Castro literature. He was arrested because there was a fracas when he was assaulted by one of three protesting anti-Castro Cubans – the one now known to have served the CIA. There is no connect in between this and Castro. In fact, the Cuban Embassy in Mexico denounced Oswald as not its friend after this arrest & before the assassination.

12/8/77

The NY Daily News, headlined this hoax as "the possibility of a Cuban connection" add on 1

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AP told its subscribers around the world – and millions of people via those subscribers – "No files are being withheld, officials say."

Actually most of the FBI's files were not released. Most are field office files, not those in FBI HQ

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8 In its front-page, lead story

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error in this story and in all but one other story I have seen there is this error: the FBI did not give the letters to the W.C. because it could not authenticate them.

First of all, the Commission not only had the letters – it published many of them. Secondly, the only value the letters would have lies in who would have perpetrated such a hoax

~~The news had a separate story on the Pedro Charles motel, "Lee Letter Hinted at Dark Fate"~~

Aside from FBI internal memoranda – which point up at the dead Hoover only – virtually all that the press used of those 40,000 pages

9) Was all the WC material it had

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obtained from the FBI). What was new also was unreported because the reporters are not subject experts + because 40,000 pages are indigestible.

There was much attention to only a few of the FBI's many thousands of pages about Ruby. All the stories say he, too, was alone and unassisted, or [illegible]

But Oswald no single news account that reported the FBI had asked him to be its informant and that he had agreed

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More on Pedro Charles

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There is an elliptical reference in the WR (P307 at note 570). The published letter is CE 2763:26H 148)